

The weekly family bath was quite an occasion. In the summer the water was heated in a large tub in the sun; in winter on the stove. In the home the youngest of the family would bathe first, then each in the order of age. It was necessary to add a kettle of clean, hot water as the process proceeded so when the head of the family had his turn, the tub was full.

Saturday night bathing was the order in most everyone's home. No parties or dances that night. No water was ever wasted for often it had to be hauled in barrels and placed in a convenient place for house use. No sanitary methods were used except to have one large barrel placed upon a platform and another one on the ground. The water in the upper barrel was filtered through a charcoal arrangement or filter into the lower barrel. It came through the charcoal clear and clean. A cover for each barrel was provided and by this method the canal water was purified for household use and for drinking purposes.

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